The offers received from three manufacturers arc being evaluated/negotiated by the Indian Airlines.

Mismanagement at Nagpur airport

624. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government arc aware of the fact that the Nagpur Airport is totally mismanaged and the Airport Authority is totally neglecting the mismangement at the Airport Level;

(b) whether Government arc also aware that because of this large-scale mismanagement the passengers arc put to great inconvenience;

(c) whether any enquiry has been made into the affairs of the Nagpur Airport;

(d) if so, what arc the finding; and

(c) what action will be taken against those responsible for this?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Increase in fares and freight rates by Indian Airlines

625. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal to increase the fares and freight rates by the Indian Airlines has been under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the decision if any taken thereon; and

(c) whether the main burden of the increase would be borne by branch routes rather than trunk routes?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI CM. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Indian Airlines and Alliance Air domestic fares were increased with effect from 15th October, 1997 as under:

(i) (a) North Eastern Sectors — 10.5%

(b) Rest of India

Sector upto 700 kms. — 14.0%

Sectors above 700 kms. — 10.5%

(ii) The differential between the Executive and Economy class fares has been kept at 50%

(iii) The total amount to be collected from passengers in INR has been rounded upto the next higher multiple of Rs. 5/-.

(iv) Excess Baggage Rates have been revised accordingly.

(v) Basic Cargo Rates have also been revised accordingly.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की उड़ानों को बन्द किया जाना

626. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवेः** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या इंडियन एयरलाइंस ने भुज, राजकोट तथा जामनगर से मुम्बई की अपनी उड़ानें हाल ही में बन्द कर दी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या इन शहरों के यात्रियों के लिए अहमदाबाद तथा भावनगर से कोई वैकिल्पिक व्यवस्था की गई है; और

(घ) क्या भुज में मुम्बई तक के लिए दैनिक उड़ान में वृद्धि करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी एम. इब्राहीम)ः

(क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) और (ग) ये प्रश्न नहीं उठाते

(ग) एलायंस एयर जो इंडियन एयरलाइंस की एक पूर्णतः स्वामिस्व वाली सहायक कंपनी है, ने 3 नवम्बर, 1977 से भुज से मुंबई के लिए अपनी प्रति सप्ताह 4 से 5 उड़ानें कर दी है।